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Board of Equalization Announces Appointment of Assistant Chief Counsel

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Sacramento - Jerome E. Horton, Chairman of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that the Board met in closed session at its June 27 Sacramento meeting and appointed Mr. Robert Tucker Assistant Chief Counsel for the agency.

"Mr. Tucker has distinguished himself throughout his 26-year career with the BOE," said Chairman Horton. "I congratulate him on his appointment, and look forward to his continued service to the Board and to the state of California."

Tucker, of Sacramento, is a graduate of the University of California at Davis, and began his career with the Board of Equalization as a tax auditor in 1986. In 1998, he was admitted to the state bar after graduating from McGeorge School of Law. His appointment is effective immediately.

Tucker replaces Mr. Randy Ferris as Assistant Chief Counsel, who was appointed to BOE Chief Counsel March 21, 2012.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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